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REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 9-14, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cannon (US 6,393,272).

The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious citing Cannon in view of Deluca (US 2002/0115429).

The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious citing Cannon in view of Bhogal (US 2004/0203643).

The Examiner rejected claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious citing Cannon in view of Graefen (US 2004/0082317).

Cannon discloses a telephone that includes an answer and hold feature, whereby, in response to a user input, the telephone answers an incoming call, issues an outgoing greeting and maintains a connection status. (Cannon, Abstract). The telephone includes an answer and hold key. When a user is alerted to an incoming call, and the user does not want the incoming call to proceed directly to voicemail, but the user cannot immediately answer the incoming call, then the user can depress the answer & hold key. An outgoing message will be sent to the incoming caller (e.g. "Please hold, I will be with you shortly.") The connection between the incoming caller and the telephone will be maintained, and the user will subsequently be able to communicate directly with the incoming caller when it is convenient to do so. (Cannon, Column 2, lines 20-45).

Applicant has amended the independent claims to clearly distinguish over Cannon, and it is thus respectfully submitted that objections to independent claims based on Deluca, Bhogal, and Graefen are now moot.

As currently claimed, aspects of the present invention are now directed to an electronic device for receiving live communications. The electronic device has a microcomputer configured to execute an application for scheduling a calendar event. A notification profile can be associated with the event. The microcomputer is further configured to process the notification profile to determine whether to accept a live

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communication during the scheduled calendar event. The microcomputer is further arranged to execute a separate notification profile settings application that enables a user to associate the calendar event with a notification criterion. The notification criterion is indicative of the notification profile associated with the calendar event. The notification profile is defined within a separate notification profile settings application.

The foregoing, it is submitted clearly distinguishes over the prior art and has been incorporated into independent claims. Amended claim 1, which is representative, is reproduced below.

1. An electronic device for receiving live communications comprising:

a microcomputer configured to execute an application for scheduling a calendar event; said calendar event having a notification profile associated therewith; said microcomputer further configured processing said notification profile to determine whether to accept a live communication during said scheduled calendar event; said microcomputer further arranged to execute a separate notification profile settings application to enable a user to associate with said calendar event a notification criterion; said notification criterion indicative of said notification profile associated with said calendar event; said notification profile being defined within said separate notification profile settings application.

Amended independent claim 10 is a method claim that substantially corresponds with amended claim 1. New independent claim 21 is a computer readable medium claim that substantially corresponds with the method of amended claim 10.

The new dependant claims have been added to further distinguish over the prior art.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they have fully responded to the Examiner's concerns and that the claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and immediate allowance of the claims.

The Applicants hereby request that any fee which may be required for the papers being filed with this letter be charged to, or any overpayment be credited to, Account No. 502651.

In the event that any PTO official wishes to discuss this application on the telephone, the call should be directed to the undersigned at 416-865-8213.

Yours very truly,



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